# Wake HMIS User's Meeting April 2018

The Data Center at NCCEH



### North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

securing resources | encouraging public dialogue | advocating for public policy change

### Welcome

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Disabling Condition
- 3. System Performance Measures (SPM)
- 4. SPM Data Quality
- 5. Mediware updates
- 6. Discussion
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## Collecting + Entering Disability Data

Improving NC HMIS Data Entry

### We have to get disability data right in HMIS!

### Learn about the people in our system

What does our homeless population look like? What types of disabilities do they have? Helps identify chronically homeless clients

#### Improve our system to better serve clients

Connect eligible clients to disability benefits
What types of programs and/or services do they need?
Are these programs/services available in our community?

### Report out about our system

Federal, State, Local, Agency





## What is a disabling condition?

**1.** A physical, mental, emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, PTSD, brain injury or chronic health issue that:



Is expected to be of long and indefinite duration, and



Substantially limits the client's ability to live on their own

2. A developmental disability

3. AIDS or HIV



### This is important!

Disabling Condition has 3 criteria

**HUD**: If a client meets at least 1 of the 3 criteria, then YES, the client has a disabling condition



### What does HUD want to know about disability?

- 1. Does the client have a disabling condition?
- 2. What type of disabling condition does the client have?
  - a. Is the condition expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration?
  - b. Does the condition substantially impair the client's ability to live independently?



### What is documentation+ what counts?

#### Documentation = Evidence of disability

Source	Evidence needed				
Licensed professional	Written document to verify disability and certify that the disability is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration and substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; Professional must be licensed by state of NC to diagnose and treat the disability				
Social Security Administration	Written verification of disability or the receipt of a disability check (SSDI)				
VA (or other federal agency)	Receipt of a disability check				
HUD	Other approved documentation				
Intake staff	Written observation of disability that, no later than 45 days of the application for assistance is confirmed and accompanied by evidence (as listed above)				

Note- Only projects that receive funding with eligibility criteria that require documentation of the disabling condition should require documentation.

### Before we go further, let's check in

Do you have any questions?

**Review Questions** 

Why is HMIS disability data important?

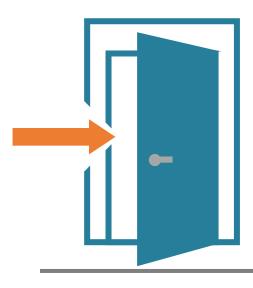
Can you define disabling condition?

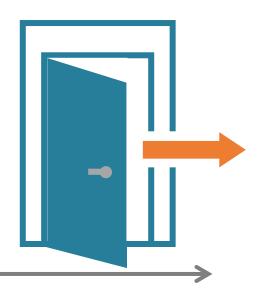
How many criteria does a client need to meet to be identified as having a disabling condition?



## Disability Data in NC HMIS

### Disability data is entered in 3 places





**Project Entry** 

**Interim** 

Update
Annual Assessment

**Project Exit** 



### Disability questions in HMIS- 2 parts

#### Part 1-

A general question

Does the client have a disabling condition?

-Select-

#### Part 2-

The disability sub-assessment





### Part 1 is called the Gateway Question

Does the client have a disabling condition?

-Select-

#### **Responses:**

Yes

No

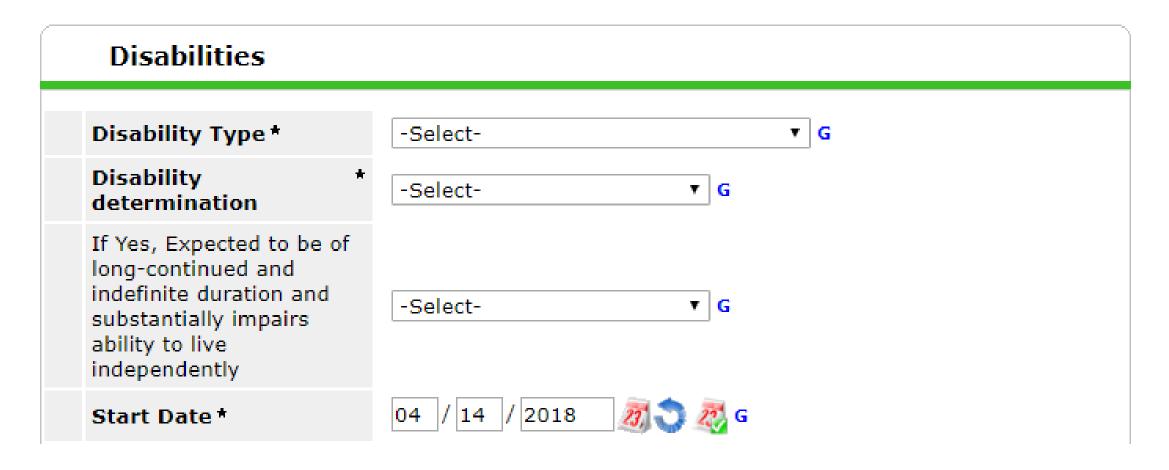
Client doesn't know

Client refused

Data not collected



### The sub-assessment collects detailed disability data



### This is where things get a bit weird...

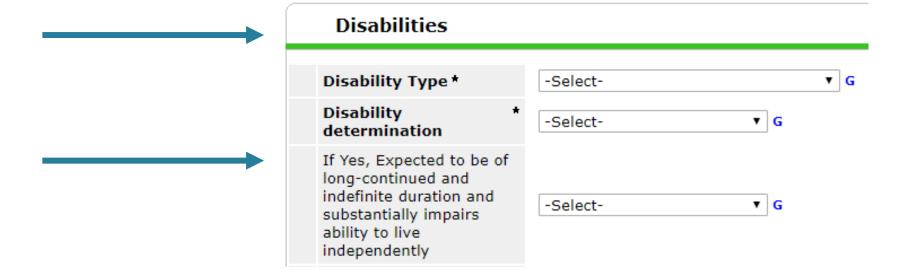
Remember our criteria for disabling condition?

In order to collect the most accurate data for Part 1

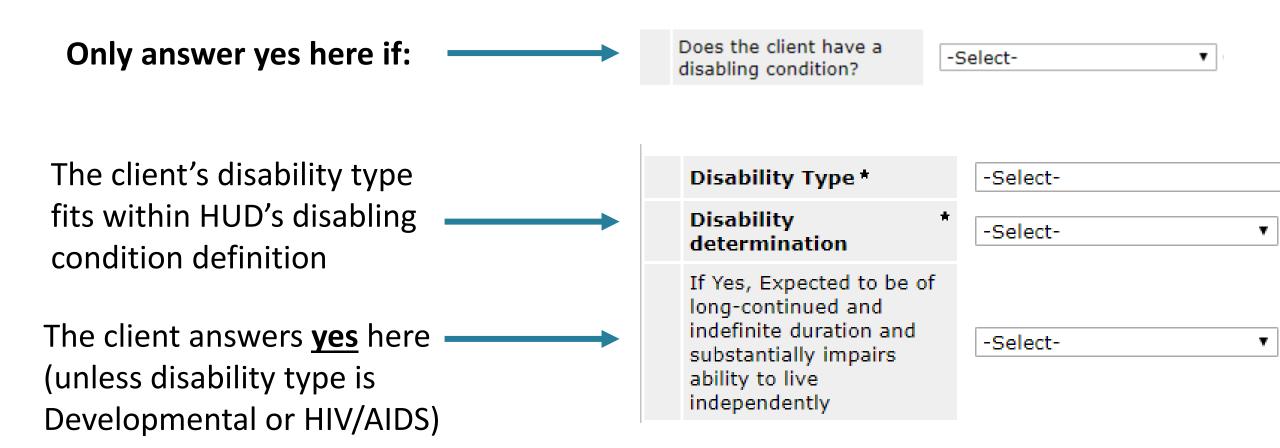
Does the client have a disabling condition?

-Select-

We need to ask the criteria questions in Part 2



### When to answer "Yes"



## Working with Clients

### Collecting disability data in 4 steps!

Discuss disability definition with the client (3 criteria)

Work with the client to determine if they meet disability criteria

Ask if the disability has been documented or can be verified

Ask the client if they are currently receiving services or treatment for the disability

### Prep for sensitive questions

I would like to ask you a few questions about disabling conditions. Is that ok?





### Defining disabling condition

A disabling condition is an impairment, brain injury, or chronic health condition that is expected to last indefinitely and substantially limit a person's ability to live on their own.



## Explaining disability type



When it comes to disabling conditions, we view them in these categories: Physical, Chronic Health Condition, HIV/AIDS, Developmental, Alcohol Abuse, Drug Abuse, Both Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Problem.

### Gather information about disability type

Do you have any conditions that fit into any of the disability categories I listed?



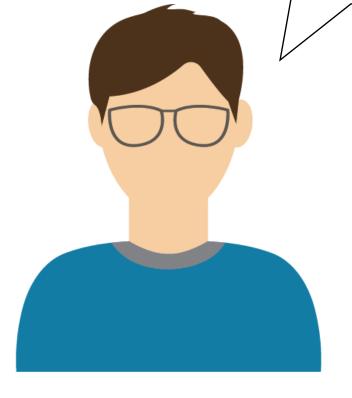


### Ask related criteria questions

Thank you for sharing that with me. Is your Mental Health Problem expected to be of long and indefinite duration and does it impair your ability to live independently?

Yes, it is indefinite and impairs my ability to live independently.

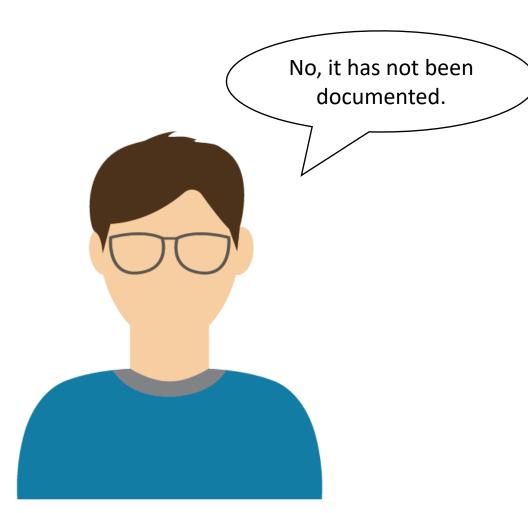




### Request documentation of disability

Has someone like a doctor or other professional verified that you have this disability? If so, is there a document you can share for our records?





### Ask about treatment or services

Are you currently receiving treatment or services for your Mental Health Issue?





### What did we learn from the client?

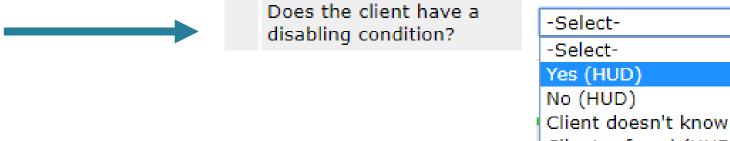
Question	Response			
Disability Type	Mental Health Problem			
Expected to be of long duration and indefinite and substantially impair ability to live independently?	YES			
Does the client have a disabling condition?	YES (based on the responses above)			
Documentation of disability and severity on file?	NO (separate from disability determination)			
Currently receiving services of treatment?	YES			

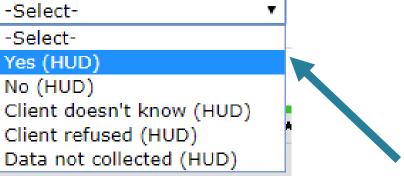


## HMIS Disability Data Entry

Based on scenario from previous section

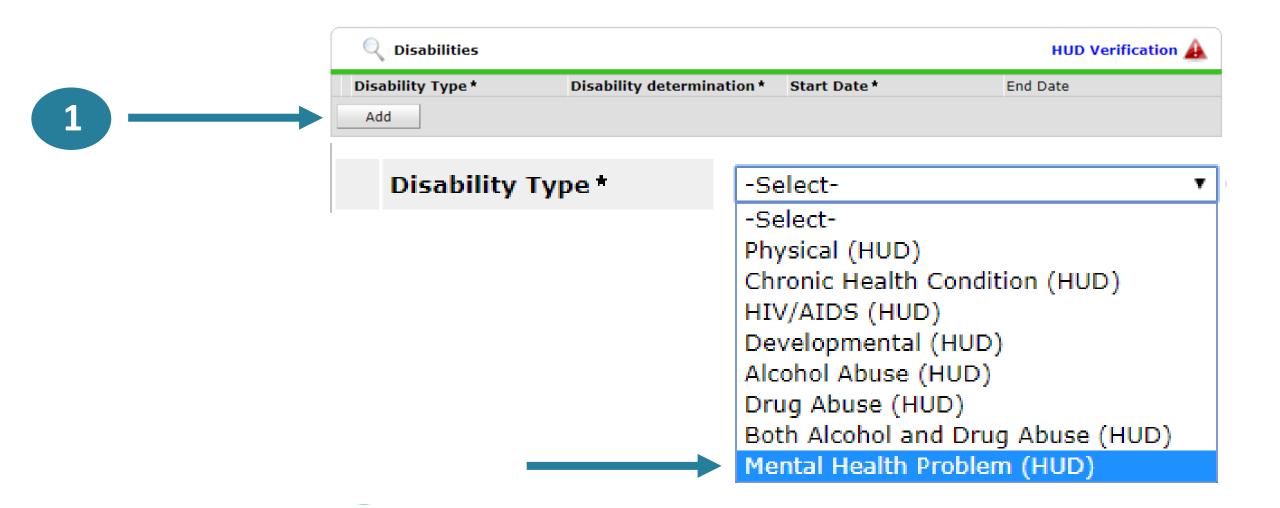
## Indicate client has a disability in HMIS







### Select type of disability in HMIS



### Enter Start Date = Date information collected



If we collected the info today, we

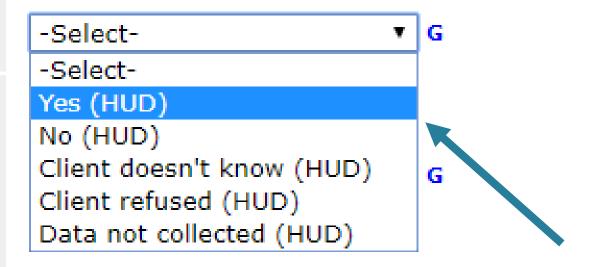
should set the start date to today's date



### Enter disability determination in HMIS

### Disability determination

If Yes, Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently

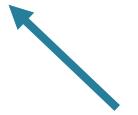


If the client has this disability type, set this to "Yes"

### Save the disability data in HMIS

Save

Save and Add Another

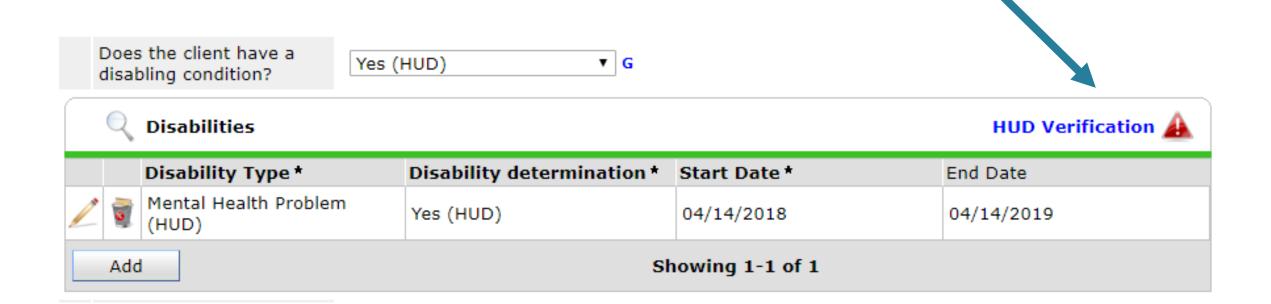


Click this button if client has more than one disability



## **HUD Verification**

### **HUD** verification matters





## HUD Verification Alerters- green is good

Alerter	HUD Verification Status			
HUD Verification	Incomplete			
HUD Verification 🗸	Complete			



## Complete HUD Verification (determination=yes)

We were able to determine that our client had a disabling mental health problem

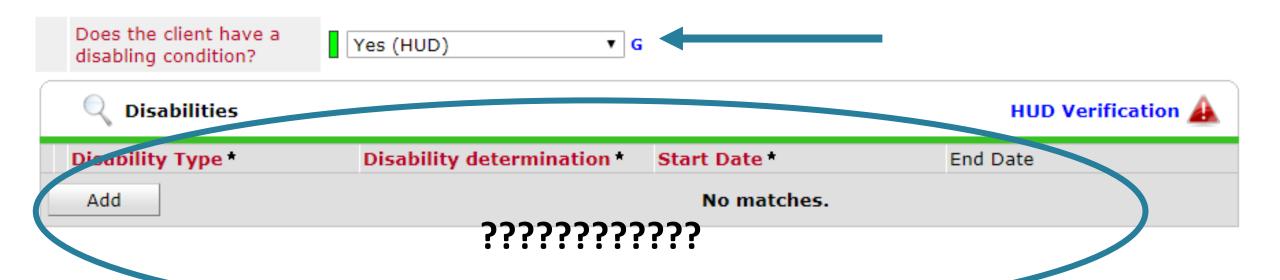
	Disability Type	Disability determination							
		Yes (HUD)	No (HUD)	Client doesn't know (HUD)	Client refused (HUD)	Data not collected (HUD)	Incomplete		
	Physical (HUD)	0	•	0			0		
	Chronic Health Condition (HUD)	0	•	0	0	0	0		
	HIV/AIDS (HUD)	0	•	0		0			
	Developmental (HUD)	0	•	0	0	0	0		
	Alcohol Abuse (HUD)	0	•	0		0	0		
	Drug Abuse (HUD)	0	•	0	0	0	0		
	Both Alcohol and Drug Abuse (HUD)	0	•	0	0	0	0		
	Mental Health Problem (HUD)	•	0	0		0			

## Disability Data quality

Two of the most common errors

### Potential disability data entry errors- Missing

Selecting "Yes" to indicate a client has a disability but no disabilities are entered





### Potential disability data entry errors- Conflict

Selecting "No" to indicate that a client does not have a disability but adding a disability type in the sub-assessment

Does the client have a disabling condition?	No (HUD) ▼ G		-
<b>Q</b> Disabilities			HUD Verification
Disability Type *	Disability determination *	Start Date *	End Date
Alcohol Abuse (HUD)	Yes (HUD)	07/06/2017	
Add	Sh	owing 1-1 of 1	



### Locate these errors using the 0640 report

The 0640 HUD Data Quality Framework is located in ART

Data Element	Error Count	% of Error Rate
Veteran Status (3.7)	0	0.00%
Project Entry Date (3.10)	1	0.23%
Relationship to Head of Household (3.15)	7	1.62%
Client Location (3.16)	2	0.65%
Disabling Condition (3.8)	8	1.86%
Destination (3.12)	88	36.67%

Missing and inconsistent data will be aggregated here.
Another tab will detail who these clients are

# Or locate these errors using the CoC-APR and ESG-CAPER reports

Dashboard reports can be found in the "Reports" menu on the left hand side

Data Element	Do Knov	Client oesn't w/Client efused	Information Missing	Data Issues	% of Error Rate
Name (3.1)		0	0	0	0%
SSN (3.2)		13	5	7	11%
Date of Birth (3.3)		0	2	0	1%
Race (3.4)		0	4		2%
Ethnicity (3.5)		0	2		1%
Gender (3.6)		0	2		1%
Overall Score					12%
5b - Data Quality: Universal Data Elements					
Data Element				Error Count	% of Error Rate
Veteran Status (3.7)				2	1%
Project Start Date (3.10)			0	0%	
Relationship to Head of Household (3.15)			2	1%	
Client Location (3.16)			0	0%	
Disabling Condition (3.8)			2	1%	

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# System Level Performance

#### Homelessness should be:

#### Rare

Prevent or divert new episodes of homelessness Access resources without a shelter stay

#### **Brief**

Reduce length of time while homeless Reduce program length of stays Increase exits to permanent housing

#### Non-recurring

Reduce returns to homelessness
Focus on housing stability
Create access to resources without another shelter stay



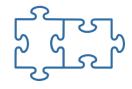
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### 7 measures to gauge impact



Help communities view their progress community towards preventing and ending homelessness

The measures are interrelated and provide a more complete picture of system performance



Identify areas for improvement, needs, gaps



### SPM data is pulled from 2 places



A	В	C	D	E	F	
Rov 🔻	▼ Yea ▼ Proj. Typ ▼		Organization Name 🔻	Project Name 🚚	Geo	
2E+05	2016	PSH	CASA	Carolina Place/ 1131 Carlton	3723	
3E+05	2016	ES	DORCAS	Emergency Housing	3705	
2E+05	2016	RRH	Passage Home	Essential Services- (Matthew House/Millbrook Villas)	3723	
2E+05	2016	PSH	CASA	Families at Home-HUD 2003 (Oak Hollow)	3723	
2E+05	2016	ES	Salvation Army	Family Shelter	3723	
2E+05	2016	ES	Wake Interfaith Hospitality	Family Shelter	3723	
2E+05	2016	TH	Healing Transitions GPD-Veterans Per Diem		3723	
2E+05	2016	ES	Urban Ministries of Wake	te Helen Wright Center		
2E+05	2016	RRH	Passage Home	Hollenden Place		
2E+05	2016	PSH	CASA	Hope Crest	3723	
2E+05	2016	PSH	WCHS	Housing First Shelter + Care 2004		
2E+05	2016	PSH	WCHS	Housing First Shelter + Care 2007		
2E+05	2016	PSH	Passage Home Jobs Journey		3723	
2E+05	2016	PSH	DHIC Lennox Chase		3723	
3E+05	2016	TH	Haven House	Maternity Group Home	3723	
2E+05	2016	PSH	CASA	McKinney Team Housing		

**HMIS** 

**Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)** 

#### What HMIS client data is included?



31 October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017 (36 months)



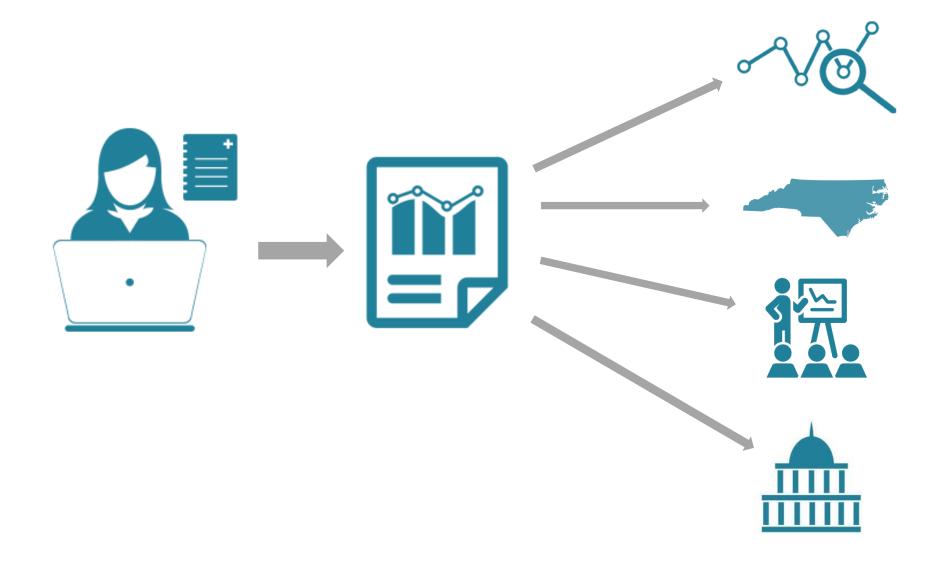
Any person who entered SO, ES, SH, TH, RRH and/or PSH during the reporting period



Data are reported for individuals and person in families

# SPM data quality

#### Your HMIS data matters!



#### Important data elements for SPM

**Entry Date** 

Date of Birth

Relationship to Head of Household

**Client Location** 

Prior Residence

Length of stay in previous place

Approximate start date of homelessness

Number of times homeless in past 3 years

Number of months homeless in past 3 years

Income

Housing Move-in Date

**Annual Assessment Date** 

Exit Date

**Exit Destination** 

#### Data quality impacts the SPMs



#### Coverage

Include as many homeless service providers in the community in HMIS as possible



#### **Utilization**

Bed utilization rates must be between 65% to 105%



#### **Data Quality**

Data entry is timely
Low rate of missing data
Data reflects what is accurate
Discrepancies have been identified and addressed

#### Data <u>must</u> be cleaned prior to submission

The next slides will show the most common red flags and how to resolve them in ServicePoint

- Missing Data
- Incomplete or Conflicting Sub-assessments
- Unexited Clients



<b>Error information</b>	UDEs were not pulled into HMIS report at client entry, interim and/or exit
How do I find this error?	Run the 0640 Data Quality Framework report in ART - Review the client detail tab  Run the APR or CAPER report on
	Dashboard - Review the error counts



#### How do I fix this error?



Review client file for information

If information is in file, enter into HMIS using EDA and Backdate mode



Remember: Missing data is ALWAYS better than inaccurate data



### Incomplete or Conflicting Sub-assessments

<b>Error information</b>	Incomplete HUD verification on disability, income, benefits and/or health insurance sub assessments	
How do I find this error?	Run the 0252 Data Completeness Report Card EE in ART - Review the client detail tab  Run the APR or CAPER report on Dashboard - Review the error counts	
How do I fix this error?	Review client file for documents verifying disability, income, benefits and/or health insurance  Remember: Missing data is ALWAYS better than inaccurate data	



PART II: SUB-ASSESSMENTS

Disability, Health Insurance, Income and Non-Cash Benefits can be changed in

- Interim Updates
- Interim Annual Assessments
- Exit Assessments
- Post-Exit Follow-ups

### How to Change Sub-assessments Reference Table

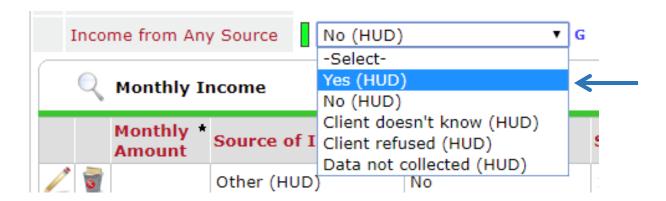
Previous Response	Change or Edit at Update	Action (always check EDA and Backdate
Gateway = No	Gateway = Yes	Change dropdown to Yes
Gateway = Yes	Gateway = No	Change dropdown to No
Type/Source = No	Type/Source = Yes	Do not edit previous Type/Source. Add new Type/Source as of the Update
Type/Source = Yes	Type/Source = Yes	Edit previous Type/Source and set end-date for day before the Update. Then Add new Type/Source as of the Update
Type/Source = Yes	Type/Source = No	Edit previous Type/Source and set end-date for day before the Update. Then use HUD Verification to set Type/Source to No

#### **Example A**

Wilson Smith has no income at project start Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, but has \$734 SSI income at your meeting on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Steps to Update

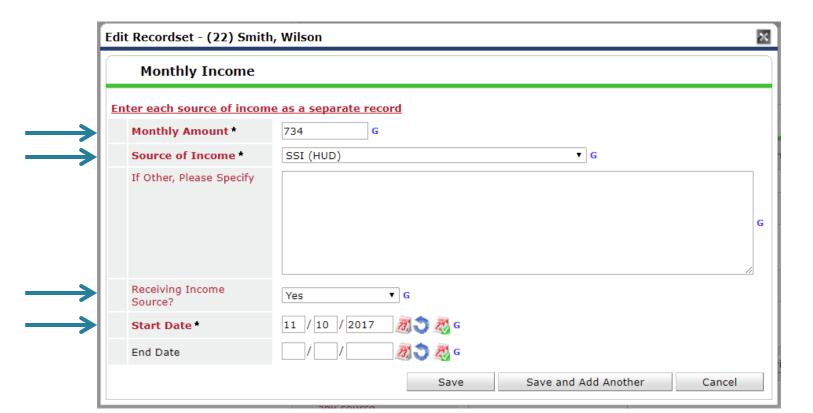
- 1. Use Enter Data As for the right project and Backdate to 11/10/17
- 2. Go to Wilson's Entry/Exit tab and Add an Interim Update
- 3. Update the Gateway question to Yes



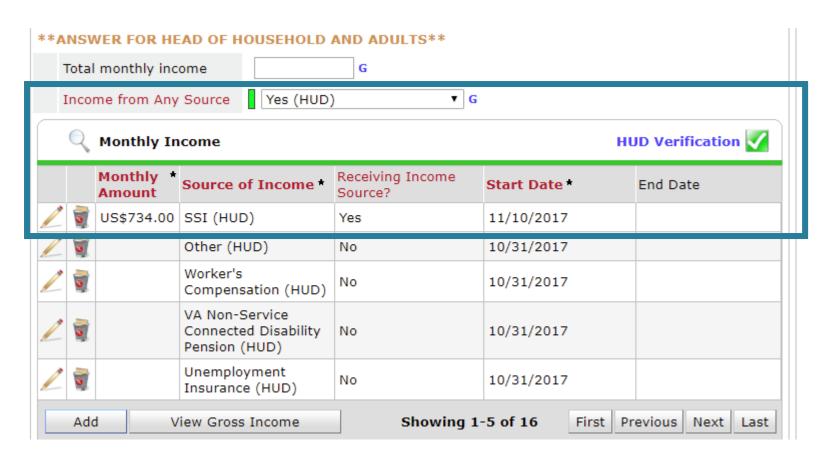
4. Click Add for a new SSI response



5. Complete Income Source information



Now check that the Gateway, Sources and HUD Verification all align and are correct



#### **Example B**

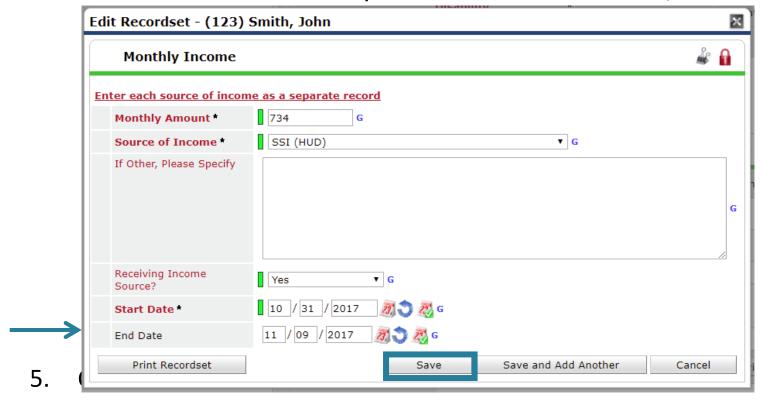
John Smith is receiving \$734 SSI income at project start Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, but his SSI income has increased to \$786 at your meeting on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Steps to Update

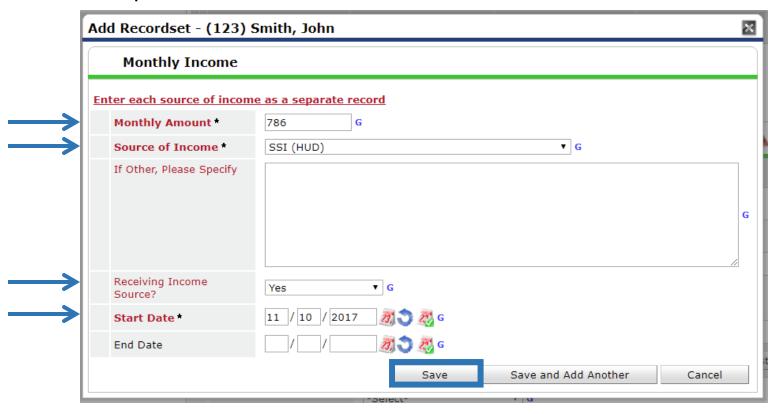
- 1. Use Enter Data As for the right project and Backdate to 11/10/17
- 2. Go to John's Entry/Exit tab and Add an Interim Update
- 3. Find the SSI Income Source and click the pencil icon to edit



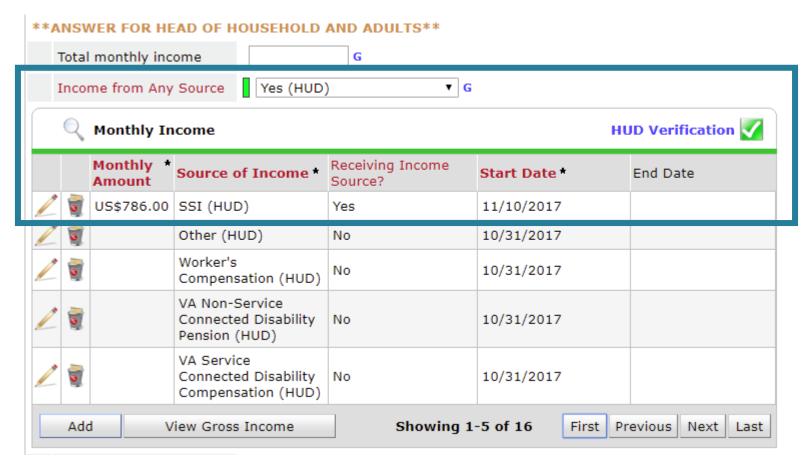
4. Set the end-date to the day before the Backdate mode, Nov 9th



6. Complete Income Source information



7. Now check that the Gateway, Sources and HUD Verification all align and are correct



# Unexited clients

<b>Error information</b>	Missing project exit date for clients no longer receiving services		
How do I find this error?	Run the 0216 Unexited Clients Exceeding Max Length of Stay report Run the APR or CAPER		
	- Review Question 22 Length of Participation (in days)		



#### How do I fix this error?



Review client file, consult with other staff to get information about date of client exit

Exit client from project using Enter Data As and Backdate mode

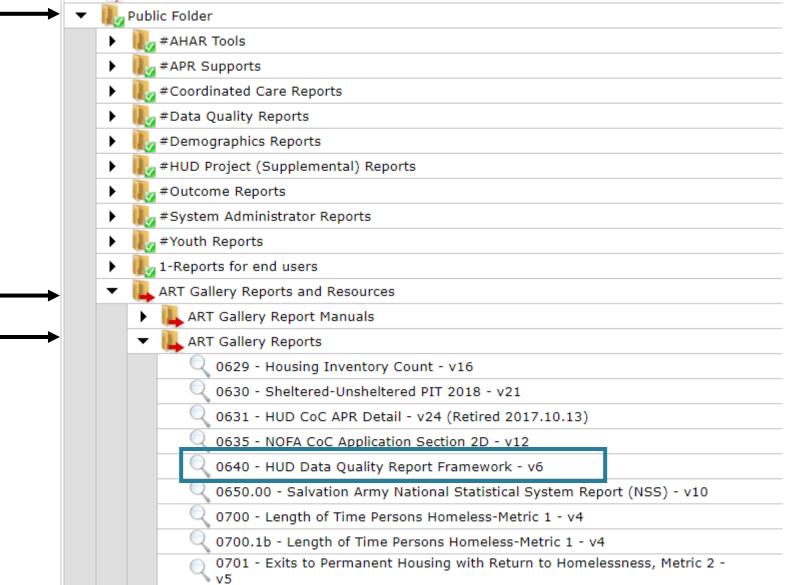
### Overlap in different projects

#### Overlapping start dates

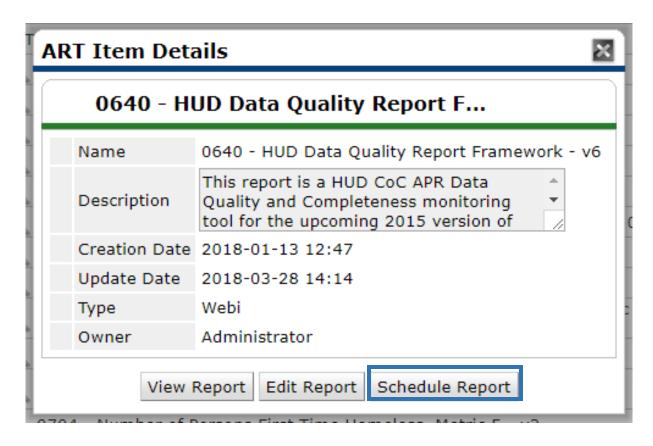
Among different projects

	Entry / Exit					
	Program	Туре		Entry Date		Exit Date
3	Wisteria Way Housing- Lee County -TH (5551)	HUD	/	08/04/2017		08/07/2017
<b></b>	Heading Home Housing - Rowan County - Emergency Shelter - State ESG (7124)	HUD	1	08/01/2017	/	08/06/2017
	Add Entry / Exit			Showing 1-2 of	2	

### Where can I find the 0640 Report?

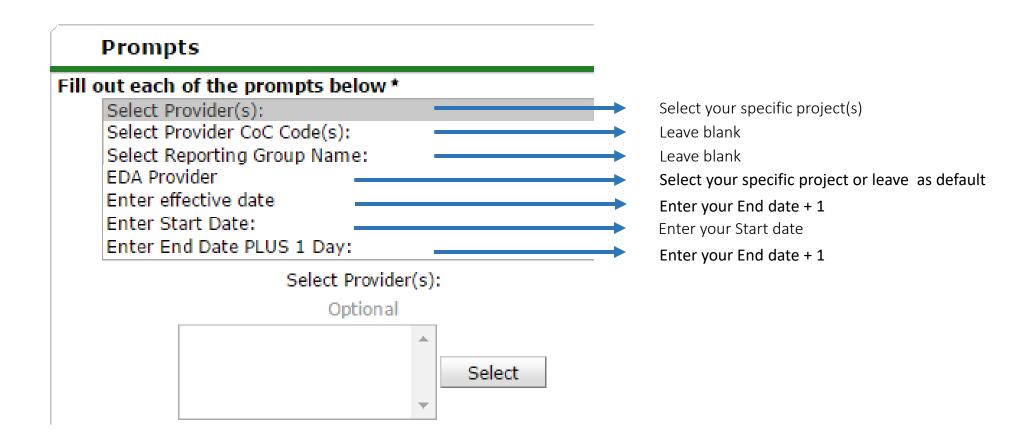


### Schedule the 0640 Report



#### 0640 Report Prompts

#### **ART Report**



# Mediware update

### Software Update

AIRS codes updated

#### ART Reports getting updates:

- 0640 HUD Data Quality Framework report
- 0701 Exits to Permanent Housing with Return to Homelessness, Metric 2
- 0706 Permanent Housing Placement-Retention, Metric 7
- 0252 Data Completeness Report (EE)

# Discussion

### NCCEH Reminders

### Upcoming Deadlines and Events

Due	Report Name
March - April	PIT/HIC System Performance Measures
April 26	Entry/Exit Training 1 pm -4 pm in Durham
April 30-May 1	Bringing it Home: Ending Homelessness in NC Conference
May 4	Next Wake HMIS Users Meeting 10 am – 11:30 am @ Alliance
May 7-May 25	RHY Grantee Submission
June 1	Wake HMIS Users Meeting

### Data security depends on all of us



Do not leave your computer logged in & unattended



Do not share passwords



Alert us when staff with access to HMIS leave your agency

#### ncceh.org/hmis

access local support for Balance of State, Wake, Durham, & Orange CoCs

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helpdesk for local support



#### North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

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